I hereby request you deny the BellSouth petition. I believe granting the petition will eliminate valuable alternatives for high speed DSL-based Internet service. Furthermore, granting the BellSouth request will implicitly reduce the choice and competitive pricing currently enjoyed by consumers in their service area. While I am not at present a BellSouth customer, this precedent would have a deleterious effect in areas where I am a customer or potential customer of DSL service. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Mark Foster